

Amendment And Response
Serial No. 09/877,967

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-33 are now pending in this application. In the July 9, 2004 final Office Action, claims 1-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,963,864 to O’Neil et al. (hereinafter “*O’Neil*”). Additionally, the drawings were objected to due to various informalities. The applicants have amended claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-20, and 22-25, and have added new claims 26-33. For the reasons set forth below, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration and immediate allowance of this application.

Summary of Telephone Interview

Mike Baldauff and Leonard Hope conducted a telephone interview on August 26, 2004 with Examiner Willie J. Daniel, Jr. Mr. Baldauff proposed the claim amendments listed above and presented the applicants’ position that the cited art does not teach each recitation of the claims as amended. Examiner Daniel stated that he would consider the amendments in light of the cited art when this response is received.

Drawings

Figs. 1 and 2 were objected to because of solid black shading. Figs. 2-4 were objected to because of numbers and reference characters that were deemed to be not plain and legible. The applicants have amended Figs. 1-4 to remove shading and to standardize the reference numbers. The applicants submit that no new matter was added and the drawings are in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 1

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *O’Neil*. The applicants have amended independent claim 1 to more clearly reflect aspects of the present invention. The applicants submit that *O’Neil* fails to teach, suggest, or describe each recitation of amended claim 1. In particular, *O’Neil* fails to describe “wherein the switch is . . . for detecting a second terminating trigger associated with the wireless terminal in response to the first outgoing communication, and wherein the service control point, in response to detection of the second

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terminating trigger by the switch, is further for interrogating a database for a second identifier associated with the wireless terminal and instructing the switch to route the second outgoing communication to the wireless terminal” as recited by amended claim 1.

O’Neil describes two outgoing communications sent from a services node to a switch. The first communication is sent to a wireless unit and does not contain a trigger. A trigger is not required for this call since the SN, as taught by *O’Neil*, contains the identifier associated with the wireless unit. In contrast, the trigger associated with the wireless unit, as taught by the present application, is to initiate a query to the SCP for an identifier associated with the wireless terminal since the SN does not store an identifier for the wireless terminal. Because *O’Neil* does not describe a trigger associated with the first outgoing communication, *O’Neil* also does not describe a service control point that interrogates a database for an identifier associated with the wireless telecommunications unit as recited by claim 1. Accordingly, independent claim 1 is allowable over *O’Neil*.

Independent Claim 10

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *O’Neil*. The applicants have amended independent claim 10 to more clearly reflect aspects of the present invention. The applicants submit that *O’Neil* fails to teach, suggest, or describe each recitation of amended claim 10. In particular, *O’Neil* fails to describe “detecting a second terminating trigger associated with the wireless terminal in response to the first outgoing communication; and routing, in response to detection of the second terminating trigger, the first communication to the wireless terminal” as recited by amended claim 10. As discussed above with respect to independent claim 1, *O’Neil* does not describe a second terminating trigger. The only trigger described by *O’Neil* is the first terminating trigger associated with the originally called telephone number. For at least these reasons, independent claim 10 is allowable over *O’Neil*.

Independent Claim 18

Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *O’Neil*. The applicants have amended independent claim 18 to more clearly reflect aspects of the present

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invention. The applicants submit that *O'Neil* fails to teach, suggest, or describe each recitation of amended claim 18. In particular, *O'Neil* fails to describe “means for detecting a second terminating trigger associated with the wireless terminal in response to the first outgoing communication; and switching means for routing, in response to detection of the second terminating trigger, the first communication to the wireless terminal” as recited by amended claim 18. As discussed above with respect to independent claim 1, *O'Neil* does not describe a second terminating trigger, and therefore does not describe routing a call in response to a second terminating trigger. For at least these reasons, independent claim 18 is allowable over *O'Neil*.

Dependent Claims 2-9, 11-17, and 19-25

Because *O'Neil* fails to teach, suggest, or describe the recitations of claims 2-9, 11-17, and 19-25 and because claims 2-9, 11-17, and 19-25 depend from allowable independent claims 1, 10, and 18, dependent claims 2-9, 11-17, and 19-25 are allowable over *O'Neil*.

New Claims 26-33

The applicants have added new claims 26-33. For the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claim 10, the applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 26 is allowable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, dependent claims 27-30 are allowable for at least the reason that they depend from allowable independent claim 26. Because dependent claims 31-33 depend from allowable independent claims 1, 10, and 18, and because *O'Neil* fails to teach, suggest, or describe the recitations of dependent claims 31-33, dependent claims 31-33 are allowable over *O'Neil*.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application and allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicants' undersigned attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fig. 1 – Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

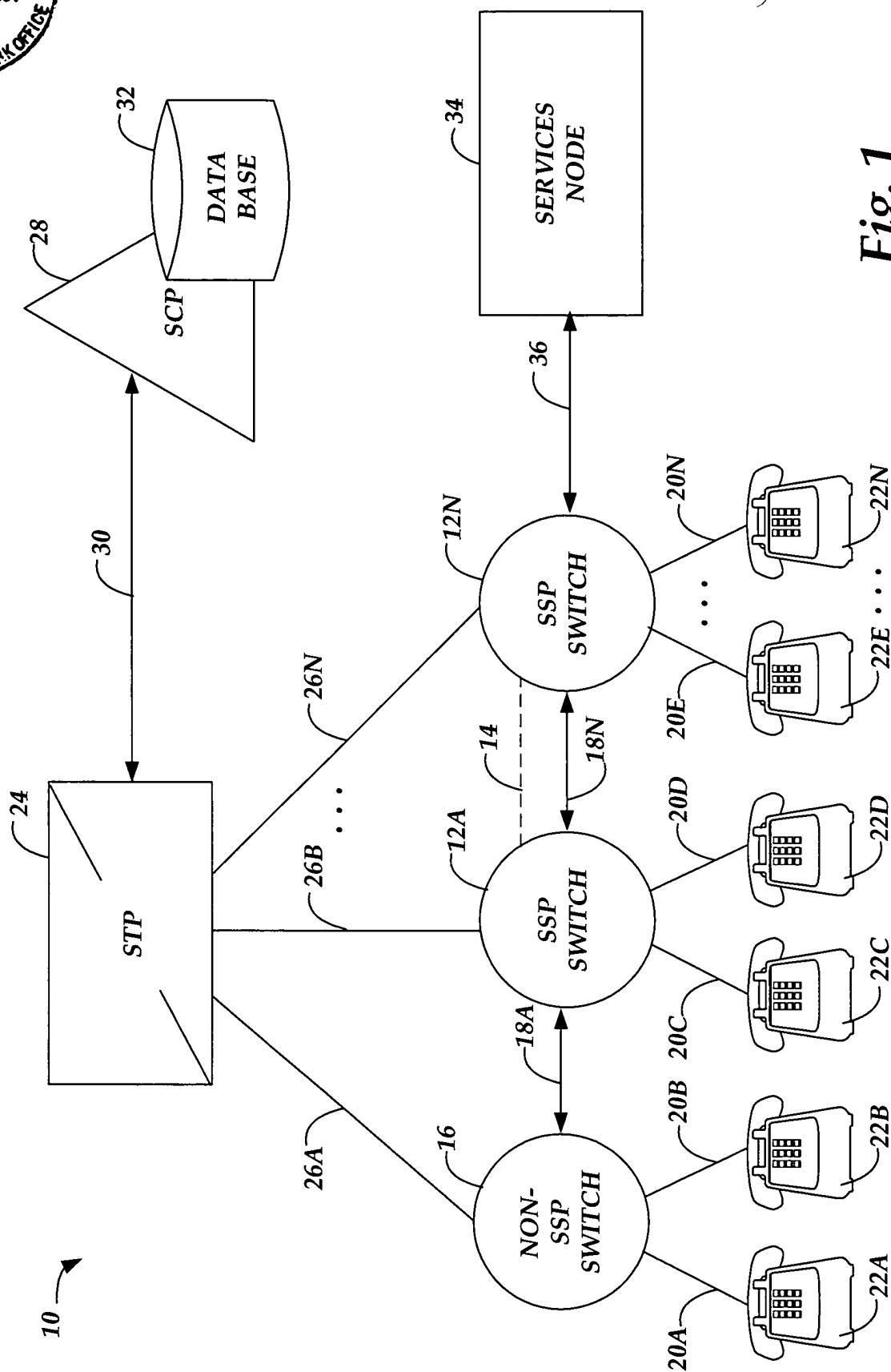


Fig. 1
--Prior Art--

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Fig. 2 – Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

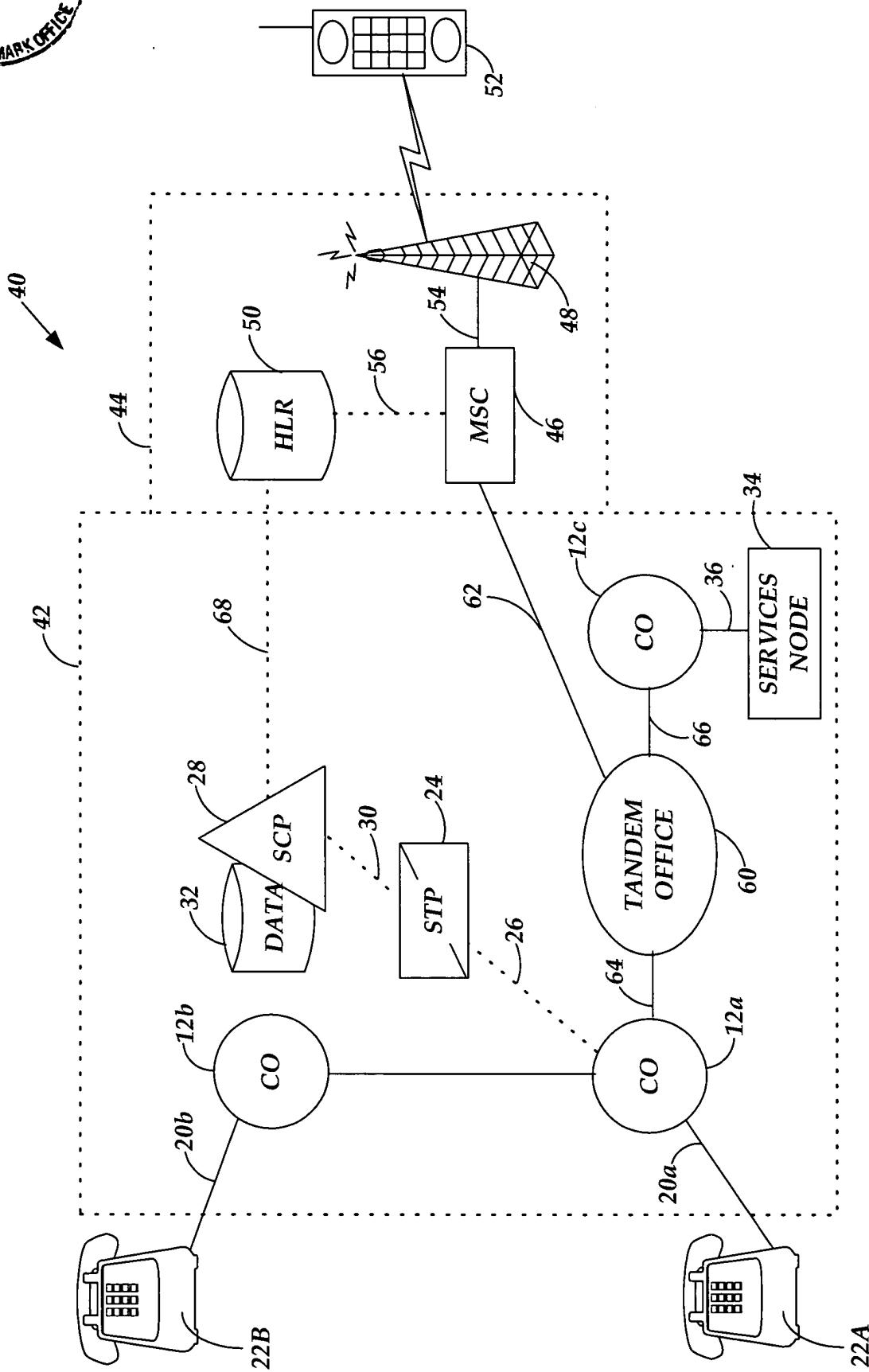
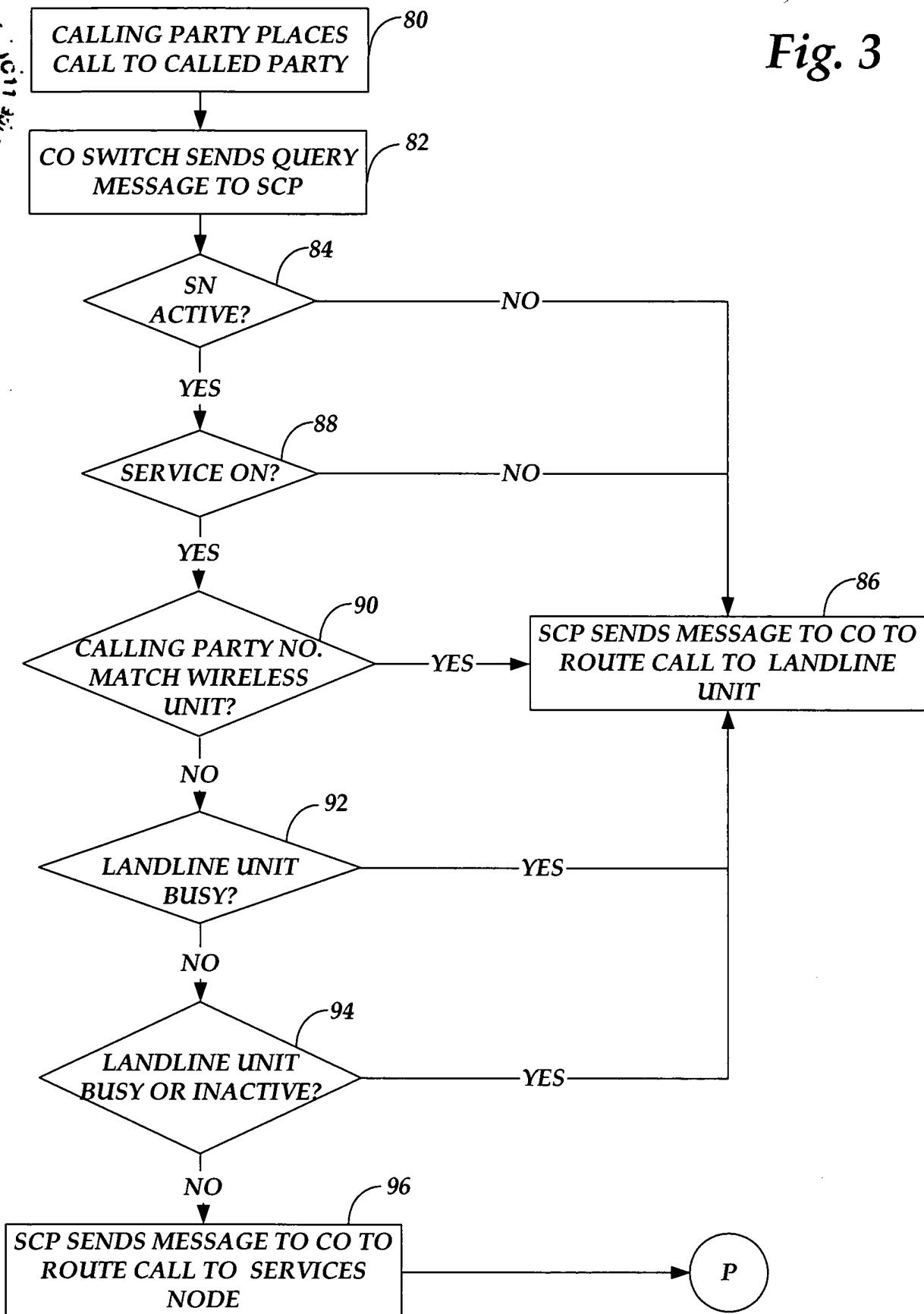


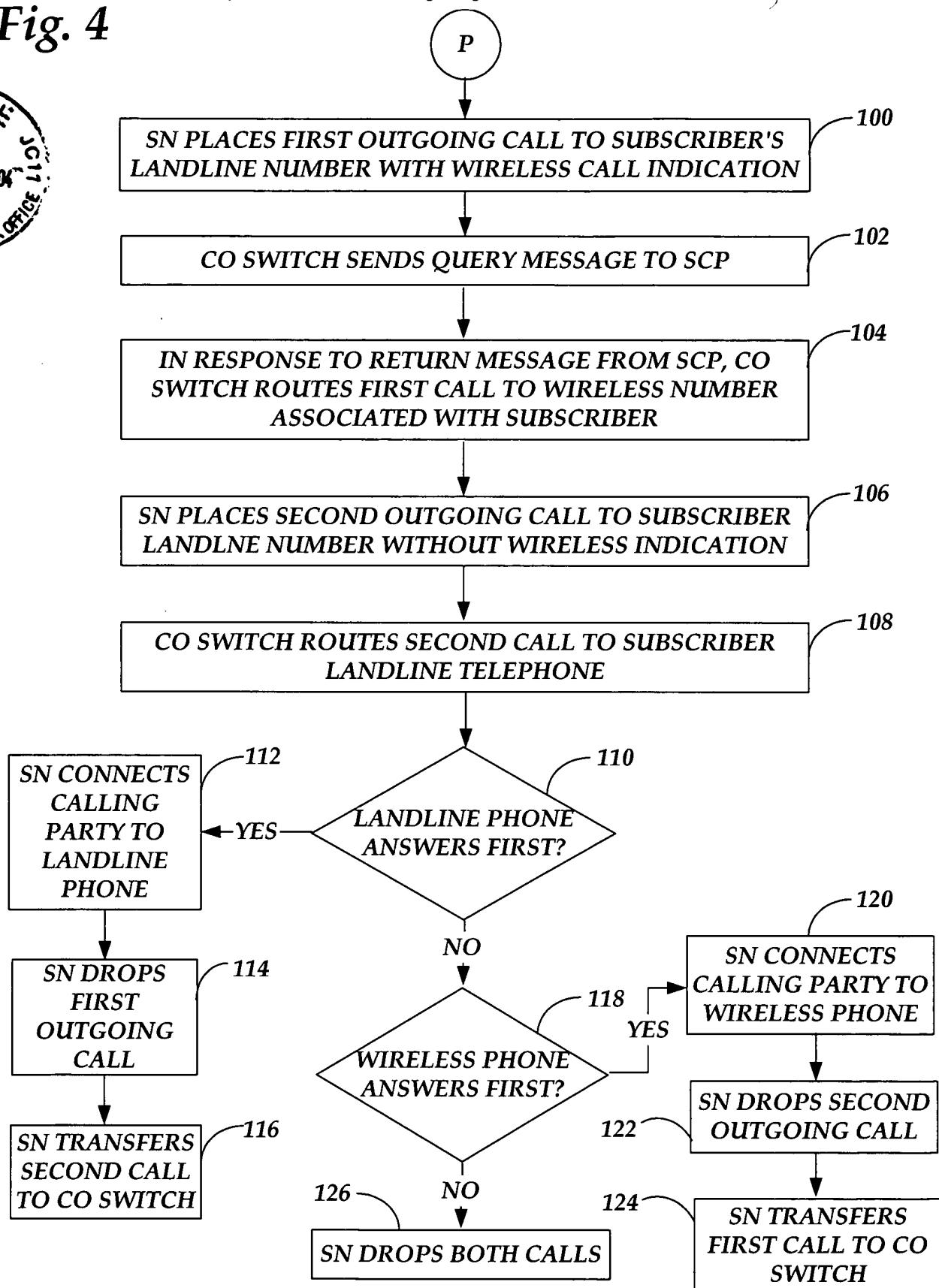


Fig. 3



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Fig. 4



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